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### **Electronic Filing**

Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW,  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **In the Matter of Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau  
Seeks Comment on Termination of Certain Proceedings as Dormant.  
GC Docket No. 11-99**

**In the Matter of Division of the Ratepayer Advocate Petition for  
Declaratory Ruling Seeking Preemption of Certain Legal  
Requirements Imposed on Telecommunications Carriers by the New  
Jersey Board of Public Utilities Relating to Section 251 and 252 of the  
Telecommunications Act of 1996.  
CC Docket No. 00-49**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel")<sup>1</sup> hereby withdraws the above request for declaratory ruling. Subsequent actions by Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") render this filing unnecessary. Rate Counsel is an independent New Jersey State agency that represents and protects the interests of all utility consumers in matters before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and the FCC.

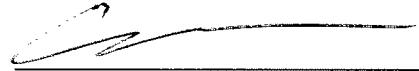
Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at 973-648-7575.

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<sup>1</sup> / The New Jersey Division of the Ratepayer Advocate is now the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel.

Very truly yours,

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DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RATE COUNSEL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher J. White", is written over a horizontal line.

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